

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1556**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Salinas**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 8202 of the Education Code, relating to child care and development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1556, as introduced, Salinas. Child care and development.

Existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, provides child care and development services for children to age 13.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 8202 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     8202. It is the intent of the Legislature that:  
4     (a) All families have access to child care and development  
5     services, through resource and referral services, where  
6     appropriate, regardless of ethnic status, cultural background, or  
7     special needs. It is further the intent that subsidized child care  
8     and development services be provided to persons meeting the  
9     eligibility criteria established under this chapter to the extent  
10    funding is made available by the Legislature and Congress.  
11    (b) The healthy physical, cognitive, social, and emotional  
12    growth and development of children be supported.

1 (c) Families achieve and maintain their personal, social,  
2 economic, and emotional stability through an opportunity to  
3 attain financial stability through employment, while maximizing  
4 growth and development of their children, and enhancing their  
5 parenting skills through participation in child care and  
6 development programs.

7 (d) Community-level coordination in support of child care and  
8 development services be encouraged.

9 (e) Families have a choice of programs that allow for  
10 maximum involvement in planning, implementation, operation,  
11 and evaluation of child care and development programs.

12 (f) Parents and families be fully informed of their rights and  
13 responsibilities to evaluate the quality and safety of child care  
14 programs, including, but not limited to, their right to inspect child  
15 care licensing files.

16 (g) Planning for expansion of child care and development  
17 programs be based on ongoing local needs assessments.

18 (h) ~~The Superintendent of Public Instruction~~, in providing  
19 funding to child care and development agencies, promote a range  
20 of services which will allow parents the opportunity to choose  
21 the type of care most suited to their needs. The program scope  
22 may include the following:

23 (1) Programs located in centers, family day care homes, or in  
24 the child's own home.

25 (2) Services provided part-day, full-day, and during  
26 nonstandard hours including weekend care, night and shift care,  
27 before and after school care, and care during holidays and  
28 vacation.

29 (3) Child care services provided for infants, preschool, and  
30 schoolage children.

31 (i) ~~The Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ be responsible for  
32 the establishment of a public hearing process or other public  
33 input process that ensures the participation of those agencies  
34 directly affected by a particular section or sections of this  
35 chapter.